

IN THE CLAIMS

Page 3, line 1, change "Patent Claims" to --What is claimed is--.

Cancel claims 1 and add new claim 2, reading as follows:

--2. (New) A method for detecting the maximum quantity of possible positions of an exchangeable nosepiece or slide in a microscope system comprising the steps of:

starting from an initial position which corresponds to a first position, adjusting the maximum position;

comparing this maximum position to a position registered in a memory; and storing the results of the comparison.--

IN THE ABSTRACT

Cancel the present Abstract and substitute therefor the enclosed Abstract which is attached to the substitute specification.

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been cancelled and replaced by new claim 2.

The amendments to the claim have been made only to improve the form of the claims for examination purposes.

The specification and abstract have been amended to conform it to U.S. format.